

ABSTRACT

- Novel thickeners for oil-containing compositions are crystalline polymers, preferably side chain crystalline polymers, which (a) have a crystalline melting point, T_p , and an onset of melting temperature, T_o , such that $T_p - T_o$ is less than $T_p^{0.7}$; (b) are soluble in the oil at temperatures above T_p , and (c) have been dispersed in the oil by a process which comprises (i) dissolving the polymer in the oil at a temperature above T_p , and (ii) cooling the solution from step (i) to crystallize the polymer in the oil;
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